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SUBJECT: CABINET AND PNC CHANGES marginally DOWNGRADE RADICALS

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1. SUMMARY: CABINET AND RELATED CHANGES ANNOUNCED
AUGUST 24 REMOVE RADICAL HAMILTON GREEN FROM PNC
CHAIRMANSHIP, ELEVATE TECHNOCRATS, AND SHIFT DESMOND
HOYTE TO IMPORTANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY.

END SUMMARY.

2. PM BURNHAM AUGUST 24 ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING
CABINET CHANGES EFFECTIVE SEPT 1: HUGH DESMOND
HOYTE, PRESENTLY MINISTER OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS
WILL REPLACE KENNETH KING AS MINISTER OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPERVISING REGIONAL
MINISTERS. KING IS DEPARTING GUYANA TO BECOME
ASSISTANT FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FORESTRY IN
ROME. PTOLEMY REID, DEPUTY PM AND MINISTER OF
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE, WILL SURRENDER
AGRICULTURE PORTFOLIO AND BECOME (IN ADDITION TO HIS
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MINISTERIAL POSTS, I.E. DEPUTY PM AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT) CHAIRMAN

OF RULING PEOPLES NATIONAL CONGRESS. GAVIN KENNARD, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST WHO IS PRESENTLY CHAIRMAN OF RICE BOARD, WILL REPLACE REID AS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. HAMILTON GREEN WILL RETAIN CABINET POST AS MINISTER OF COOPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILIZATION BUT WILL LOSE IMPORTANT JOB AS CHAIRMAN OF PNC AND WILL RELINQUISH RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO PRIME MINISTER. WILLIAM HAYNES, REGIONAL MINISTER FOR MAZARUNI-POTARO, WILL BECOME MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION. KENNETH BANCROFT WILL BECOME REGIONAL MINISTER OF MAZARUNI-POTARO. SHIW SHIW SAHAI (STEVE) NARAIN, PRESENTLY MINISTER OF HOUSING, WILL RETAIN THAT MINISTRY AND ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL TITLE OF MINISTER OF WORKS FROM HOYTE WHILE ALSO ASSUMING HOYTE'S OTHER FUNCTIONS OF MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS WITHOUT THE TITLE (WHICH WILL APPARENTLY LAPSE). ROBERT CORBIN, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR YOUTH, WILL SHIFT HIS FUNCTIONS FROM MINISTRY OF COOPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILIZATION TO OFFICE OF PM. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: NET EFFECT OF THIS PARTIAL CABINET AND PARTY SHUFFLE SEEMS TO BE TO DOWNGRADE ROLE AND STATUS OF HAMILTON GREEN, MOST POWERFUL RADICAL IN CABINET AND PNC, AND TO INCREASE ROLE OF MODERATE AND APOLITICAL TECHNICIANS SUCH AS NARAIN AND KENNARD. ONLY ELEVEN OF TWENTY-FOUR CABINET OFFICERS ARE NOW ELECTED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. GREEN NOT ONLY LOSES HIS KEY POSITION

AS CHAIRMAN OF RULING PNC BUT ALSO LOSES HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUTH AND HIS POTENTIAL FOR ACQUIRING RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATIONAL SERVICE. EVEN SHIFT OF DESMOND HOYTE TO KEY MINISTRY OF ECON DEVELOPMENT (ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT IN CABINET) COULD BE SEEN AS DAMAGING TO GREEN SINCE HOYTE IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS LESS EXTREME AND MORE PRAGMATIC THAN GREEN AND AS POTENTIAL RIVAL FOR LEADERSHIP OF PNC. BURNHAM'S REASON FOR DOWNGRADING GREEN STILL NOT CLEAR, AND SHOULD NOT YET BE READ AS INDICATING HIS OWN SHIFT AWAY FROM RADICALS. LONG-STANDING CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AGAINST

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GREEN COMBINED WITH REID'S REPUTATION FOR HONESTY MAY BE INVOLVED, AS WELL AS GREEN'S INCOMPETENCE AND PHYSICAL THREATS TO COMPETITORS.

3. DEPUTY PM REID, THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF PNC AND CABINET'S "FATHER FIGURE", THOUGH OFTEN ALIGNED WITH CABINET RADICALS, SHOULD STEER PNC IN PRAGMATIC RATHER THAN IDEOLOGICAL DIRECTION. THE SHIFT OF HAYNES,

RADICAL SOCIALIST FORMER PROTEGE OF BURNHAM AND FORMER
MINISTER OF COOPERATIVES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
TO A MINISTRY OF STATE POSITION IS ALLEGEDLY
BASED ON RECENT INJURIES WHICH KEPT HIM FROM
FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY AS A REGIONAL MINISTER AND
REQUIRED A GEORGETOWN JOB FOR HIM. HIS NEW POSITION
IS ONLY marginally MORE IMPORTANT. HOYTE IS GENERALLY
CONDIDERED TO BE RADICAL, HAS A NOTORIOUSLY SHORT FUSE,
AGGRAVATED BY HIS DIABETES AND IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS UNFRIENDLY

TO U.S. LAWYER HOYTE IS NOW BEING REFERRED TO AS A
POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO BURNHAM AFTER A PTOLEMY
REID INTERREGNUM IF HE PROVES HIMSELF IN HIS NEW JOB.
FOREGOING IS OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY SPECULATIVE SINCE
BURNHAM GIVES CLEAR INDICATION HE PLANS TO STAY ON
INDEFINITELY. KREBS

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